A SHORT HISTORY OF YOUR FATHER's
AUNT LYDIA HAUSEY

by Nolda Lee

Lydia was born to Orson Henry and Rachel Ann Jones Lee in Heber City Ut, April 15, 1889. The family lived in a log house about 2 blocks below where the big rock house on the hill stood known as Lee's Ranch. Lydia's brothers and sisters were: Thomas J, who died of whooping cough and measles 14 montha after he was born, Sarah Ann, Margarette Ellen, Orson Monroe, Fay and Dell, all of whom have passed away at this time, except Margie who is 93 years old.

When Lydia was 15 years old the family moved up into the big Rock house on the hill. Their means of travel in those days was a horse and buggy in the summer time and a sleigh in the wintertime. The memories of her youth are very pleasent to her.

When she was four and half years old she started her first year of school. It was held in a dirt roof log house on the old Cluff Ranch. The next three years she went to school in a building near the Ontario Mine. She finished up to the 8th grade in the building by the Keetley Store on the highway. A few years later she had two years of High School in Heber City.

Lydia had most of the serious diseases that were going around in those days. She had whooping cough, measles and even typhoid fever when she was thirteen years old from the drinking water in their school and was very ill for months.

After she graduated from school, and until she got married she worked as a waitress, mostly away from home. She worked in Eureka, two years on the railroad, in Salt Lake, in Yellowstone Park and in Oregon.

She got married Sept 20, 1920, when she was 31 years old to George Henderson Hausey, in La Grande, Oregon. He worked as a brakeman on the railroad. They lived in Yuma, Arizona for 5 or 6 years then moved to San Luis Obispo California, wher she served for 2 or 3 years as a counselor in the Relief Society in the first Relief Society organization in that area. She also worked in the Sunday School and the M.I.A. When they were in Yuma two elderly, male, short term Missionaries spent alot of time in her home and they enjoyed them very much.

Lydia took care of her mother for 17 years. She was with her and Jack when they lived in Arizona and California, and up to the time of her death. Lydia said that never in all this time did Jack complain or say a word.

In Feb 1950 shortly after they moved back to the County her husband died of an heart ailment. They had only 30 years of happy married life together. Lydia was sealed to her husband in the temple the following year. They were never able to have children.

In 1951 Lydia opened the first rest home in Heber, in her home on 1st East and 230 So and had 3 patients. In about a year and half she moved to the old Hatch home where the Zions First National Bank is now. There she stayed for 8 or 9 years with 10 patients. Then she moved her rest home to 43 No and 1st West. Lydia was very kind to the elderly sisters that lived in her home's. The ladies that worked for her during those years were also very special people. They were very efficient and also just as kind and considerate as Lydia. They were Ida Watkins, Irene North, Zella Blackley, Ethel Johnson, Elva Casper, Bonnie Casper and Zola Wright, The police force, especially Floyd Witt was very good to come and help Lydia whan she had problems in her home.

She worked hard for 19 years taking care of the elderly, then retired when she was 80 years old, because the state was putting to many restrictions on her

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and she was tired.

Lydia has about 16 Nieces & Nephews who are very special to her. Lydia has spent most of her life in service to others. She is 90 years old now, alert and still living in her home and taking care of most of her needs. She never complains and is very appreciative of anything that is done for her.

Written by Nelda Lee.

George H. Hausey

HEBER—George H. (Jack) Hausey, 70, retired railroad man, died in a Heber hospital Monday at 3:15 p.m. after an extended illness.

Born April 20, 1879, at Baton Rouge, La., he was a son of Henry and Mary Ellen Henderson Hausey. He was reared at Baton Rouge and had been a railroad worker since he was 20 years old.

He married Lydia Lee, Sept. 20, 1920, at LaGrande, Ore. They moved to Weber 12 years ago.

Surviving are his widow; two brothers, Gordon and Henry Hausey, Baton Rouge, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. in Heber Third ward chapel, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by I. Sander, bishop.

Friends may call at Olpin mortuary, Heber, Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, and at the family home, 228 S. 1st East, Wednesday evening and Thursday until time of services. Burial will be in Heber cemetery.



90th Birthday Party

The family of Lydia Hausey is honoring her with an open house for her 90th birthday.

The open house will be at her home 44 West 1st South, Sunday April 15, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Lydia was born April 15, 1889 at Elkhorn, Utah to Orson Henry and Rachel Ann Lee. She married George Hausey, the 20th of September 1920.

She has served in most of the auxilary programs of the church. She was called to serve in the Relief Society presidency when the 1st ward of the church was organized in San Louis Obispo, California.

She opened the first Rest Home in Wasatch County and operated it for 19 years until she reached the age of 80 years.

No gifts, please.

Lydia Hausey Celebrates 98th Birthday

by Lucille Todd

Mary Lydia Lee is loved by all because of her unusual ability to care for the ill and the aged. She was born to Orson Henry Lee and Rachel Ann Jones Lee on April 15, 1889. Also born to them were Annie Lee Murdock Coleman, Margaret Lee Redmond, Monroe Lee, Fay Lee and Dell Lee. A brother Thomas died as a child.

Her early life was spent on the Moulton-Lee ranch at Elkhorn near what is now known as Keetley. In those days the farms and homes in the area of Keetley and Hailstone were comfortable, well-kept properties.

Lydia attended school in Wasatch County and graduated in 1905. A September 1968 reunion included Crissie L. Duke, Lizzie C. Thomas, Maybell M. Moulton, Leona A. Bonner, Kate D. Hoover, Bernice Y. Anderson, Margaret L. Redmond, Ann M. Fisher and Christen C. Walton.

She worked as a waitress for Bill Anderson's cafe in Heber and for the Union Pacific Railroad restaurants in Salt Lake City, Yellowstone Park and LeGrande, Oregon.

On Septermber 20, 1920, she married George H. "Jack" Hausey of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in LeGrand, Oregon.

Jack's work with the railroad took them to Yuma, Arizona and then to San Luis Obispo, California. While there Lydia was made Relief Society counselor in the first Relief Society organization in that area. May Glines was the first president and Radie Sullivan second counselor.

Lydia took care of her invalid mother for 17 years. They enjoyed many train rides together before Jack retired from the railroad and they returned to Wasatch County. Her mother died in Jan. 1940 at Daniels, and her husband, Jack, in 1950.

In 1951 she opened Lydia's Rest Home in Heber City at 230 South 1st East with three patients. During the next 18 years she was located at 320 South Main for one year, 81 East Center for seven years (this building is now Zions Bank), and at 43 North 1st West (the Lee Kay home) for nine years.

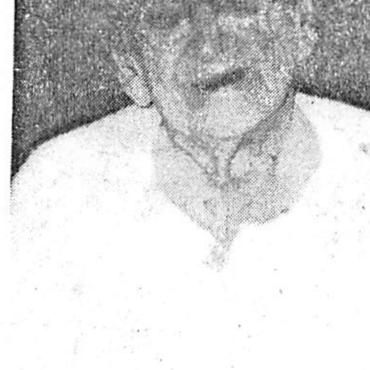
Lydia, along with the ladies who helped her, gave that special love and considerate care to many patients through these years. Some of those ladies who worked for Lydia were Ida Watkins, Elra Casper, Bonnie Casper, Irene North, Zella Blackley, Ethel Johnson and Zola Wright.

In 1969, at the age of 80 years, she closed the resthome and retired.

She was able to live in her own home (44 West 1st South) and to care for most of her own needs until 1985. At the present time she is a resident at the Heber Valley Care Center and looking forward to celebrating her 98th birthday on April 15.

She is a "real favorite" at the Care Center. Please drop by and say hello.





Lydia Hausey

Mary Lydia Lee Hausey